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## Selected Poetry.

[From the Boston Journal]

Viola.

Down beside a garden wall,  
A violet sat and smiled,  
And softly as her hue,  
She smiled at the world's ill.

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miles removed from the pretty inland city of M—, among the hills of New Hampshire. "That farm," so wrote the legal gentleman who had managed her eccentric relative's affairs, for years, "needed the immediate care of some one; and it was his advice, to the young lady, that she should take up her residence upon it at once."

Blessing her deservings, for his kind memory of her (she hadn't thought of him for years before), and dropping a few tears for something she hardly knew what, Miss Fannie went about gathering up her little stock of moveables which heretofore had included her whole store of worldly goods. This was no great task. She had a box of books which must be carefully packed—a black silk dress which must be folded so that it would not wrinkle—beyond this, there wasn't much to care for. In a marvelously short space of time, she was on her way to M—, feeling a little lonely, perhaps, but strongly independent.

Wistfully she thought of her home at the old place, but she did not know, when the confusion set her down at the door of her new home. She thought she had never in her life before looked upon so many different sights, as though the builder had been intent upon placing a score or more of persons, each one differing essentially from the other in taste. In front, there were large trees, and over the windows looking upon the road, strangely rose-vines and boscage hung, matted together in a solid mass of leaves. The front door, which she approached with some trepidation, had the appearance of being newly painted, and to her was exceedingly judicious. Its color was bright yellow, which contrasted vividly with the sombre gray of the house.

"The old people were making repairs," she said to herself, smiling, as she raised the knocker and gave a heavy rap. The old people were a worthy couple who had served her uncle for years, and who would look to her for a home—so said the legal gentleman—during the remainder of their lives.

"You are Mrs. Dearborn, I believe," said Fannie to the old lady, as she made her appearance, "and I am Miss Fannie Leonard. I have come to live with you."

So saying, Miss Leonard walked straight into the house, like one having a right. She had, indeed, and she was not child. From that moment, she was perfectly at home.

The morning following, she went over the house. She was a neat, tidy personage herself, and consequently was not pleased with what she saw. She was a little nervous, too; and as the old lady threw open doors and closets, displaying grubby paint in one direction, and cobwebs, dust and rubbish in another, she was obliged to exercise considerable self-command to keep from speaking her mind about it. But finally she did what was a great deal wiser—put on an old dress and went to cleaning. She looked at her hand two or three times first (she had kept them very pretty and delicate, in spite of everything), but a second glance at the soiled paint determined her.

Now that very afternoon, Miss Leonard met with a sad mishap. She was cleaning paint in what had been her uncle's room, a quaint little place with a low, wide window reaching to the ground, at the back of the house, and as often as she wished to change the water in her basin, threw it out upon a path that ran near by. The last basin of water she threw into some one's face. She started back and clapped her hands.

"Mr. Dearborn!" she exclaimed, trying to control her laughter.

Looking out of the window for the space of half a moment, Miss Leonard saw her mistake. A stranger stood in the path, wiping the dirty water from his eyes and mouth. The young lady could not think what to say. But the gentleman remarked quietly, raising his eyes, "Clean water next time, if you please."

"Certainly, sir," answered Miss Leonard, suddenly finding her tongue.

She was too vexed to apologize, and so arching her neck (this was a trick of hers), she turned straight to her work again.

It was not long before Mrs. Dearborn came to her, saying that Mr. Cauldwell

was in the sitting-room, and wished to see her.

"Mr. Cauldwell?" repeated Fannie, blushing.

"Yes, the gentleman who had helped work her uncle's farm for a number of years past. He wanted to see her about his land."

After this explanation, she was as ignorant as ever; but on entering the sitting-room, she was evidently a little wiser. This was the gentleman whom she had treated to the contents of her wash-basin a few moments before. She returned his bow as coolly as she could, and seated herself, waiting to hear what he had to say to her. But he did not seem in any hurry to tell his business. He wandered about from one subject to another, talking in a pleasant, easy way of this and that of everything, in fact, Fannie thought, but what he came to talk about. At last, he hit upon the farm. He would let his men carry it on for her, if she pleased, just as they had done for years past for her uncle.

"And how was that?" she asked.

He smiled at the question, as though he thought it an exceedingly absurd one, but proceeded to answer it with tolerable grace.

"Miss Leonard was piqued. He had the right of it, she knew. His drainage, excavation, and long harrowing upon pastures, together with a quantity of fresh sheep, oats and corn, was like so much Greek to her. But she listened to it very attentively, and bowed knowingly when he finished speaking.

"You understand, I suppose?" he questioned.

"O, yes!" Fannie answered, telling as big a lie as she possibly could.

"And what do you think of it?" he continued.

"That I wish it was all at



# THE WAR BEGUN!

**The Star of the West Fired Upon!**  
The following news in relation to the secession movement, we condense from the columns of the Boston Daily Journal, and we believe we have got everything of importance, in a condensed form, up to the time of our going to press.

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 10. This morning, the Charleston Courier says, at 6 o'clock, the steamer General Clinch discovered the star of the West and signaled the fact to Morris Island, the batteries of which were soon manned in expectation of receiving a volley from Fort Sumter. The star of the West rounded the point and took the ship straight inside the bar, and proceeded straight forward until opposite Morris Island, when, at a distance of a mile from the batteries, a hall was fired at the bows of the steamer, when she displayed the stars and stripes. As soon as these were unfurled, the fortifications fired a succession of heavy shots. The vessel continued at increased speed, but one or two taking effect, she concluded to retreat. Fort Moultrie fired a few shots, but they were of no effect. Only two out of seventeen shots struck the steamer, doing trifling damage.

At Fort Sumter, the only demonstration made was running the guns out of the port-holes, toward Morris Island.

**COMMUNICATION BETWEEN MAJOR ANDERSON AND GOV. PICKENS.**  
CHARLESTON, Jan. 9. At 10 o'clock this morning a boat with a white flag from Fort Sumter, containing Lieut. Hall, arrived in this city. Lieut. Hall bore communication from Major Anderson to Governor Pickens. The following is the substance of Major Anderson's communication:

*Be the General of South Carolina.*  
Sir, two of your letters this morning fired on an unarmed vessel, bearing the flag of my government. As I have not been notified that war has been declared to South Carolina against the United States, I can but think this hostile act was committed without your authority. Under that hope, I refrain from opening fire on your batteries. I respectfully ask whether the above mentioned act—without a parallel in the history of the country, or of any other civilized government—was in obedience to your instructions, and notify you that if it is not disclaimed, I shall regard it as an act of war, and shall not, after a reasonable time for the return of my messenger, permit any vessel to pass within range of my guns. In order to save as far as in my power the shedding of blood, I beg you will take due notification of my decision, hoping, however, your answer may justify in any further contingency my forbearance.

(Signed.)  
**ROBERT ANDERSON.**  
Governor Pickens replies, after stating the position of South Carolina, that an attempt to send government troops to reinforce the forts will be regarded as an act of hostility, and any attempt to reinforce Fort Sumter, or to retake any forts within the waters of South Carolina, will be regarded as an act of war. He says special agents of the bar have been warned against troops for Fort Sumter not to enter Charleston. He says special orders have been given to fire into vessels and a shot across their bows should warn them of prohibition. Under such orders and circumstances the Star of the West was fired into, and the act is perfectly justified by me. The Governor in response to Major Anderson's letter, says he (Major Anderson) must be the judge of his own responsibility, and says his position in the harbor was an act of toleration on the part of South Carolina. He concludes by saying that the act proposed by Major Anderson cannot be reconciled with any other purpose than that the government is attempting on South Carolina the condition of a conquered province.

Major Anderson responded by acknowledging the Governor's reply, and says he deems it proper to refer the matter to the Government, deferring the course indicated in his former note until the receipt of instructions from Washington, and ask the safe departure and return of Lieut. Talbot to and from Washington.

The Governor immediately granted every facility to Lieut. Talbot.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 10. Lieut. Talbot left last night with dispatches from Major Anderson for the President. He was to Washington for instructions. A party of gentlemen entertained him at a rout before leaving.

**THE BROTHERS TO BE ATTACKED.**  
CHARLESTON, Jan. 10. Dispatches that the Brooklyn is coming created intense excitement. Great preparations are making in the harbor.

**A PRIVATE STEAMER SEIZED.**—NEW YORK, Jan. 10. The Governor of South Carolina has seized the steamship Marion for the service of the State, and her Captain has returned here.

**QUARREL BETWEEN GENERAL SCOTT AND SENATOR TOUMBS.**—High words passed between Senator Toombs and General Scott at a dinner party. Mr. Toombs expressed the hope that the people of Charleston would sink the Star of the West. General Scott, with much earnestness, asked whether it was possible for Mr. Toombs, as an American, to desire such an event.

Mr. Toombs replied affirmatively, and wished those who sent her there could sink with her. Gen. Scott said he was responsible for what he said, and the (Mr. Toombs) remarked that he, too, was responsible. It is now said that the matter is in the hands of friends.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12. Lieut. Talbot left to-day for Charleston, with orders for Major Anderson to retake his position and defend the American flag and all vessel bearing it, if they are not taken.

Major Anderson's report shows Fort Sumter to be in a less efficient condition than was reported by friends of officers there, but with guns enough mounted to do good service, two months' supply of provisions, and water enough, but a scanty supply of fuel.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 11. The South Carolina Secretary of War and sent yesterday to Fort Sumter under flag of truce. They remained for two hours. It is believed that their visit is not hostile.

PROVIDENCE, Jan. 12. Lieut. Elson, of the Ordnance Department, with six men, arrived at Newport yesterday with instructions to put the armament of Fort Adams in complete order. The fort is without a garrison.

**FREE NAVIGATION OF THE MISSISSIPPI STOPPED.**—JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 11. The Governor has ordered the artillery to Vieckburg, firing boats will be hailed and questioned.

**EMILY SETTLEMENT PROPOSED BY EMINENT MEN.**—WASHINGTON, Jan. 11, 1861. Conservatives, especially Crittenden and the Border State men, regard Seward's as the initial step toward a compromise by which all but the Gulf States may be retained in the Union.

Prominent men predict a settlement of the question as it now stands within ten days.

The arrival of the Light Artillery today increased the angry feeling, and then, Scott is denounced as a military dictator.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Gen. Scott is actively preparing against any possible breach of the peace in Washington. Effective military forces are to be posted in several parts of the city. It is not probable that any but regulars and the militia of the District will be employed.

CHARLESTON affairs are quiet to-day, as they wait an answer to propositions from there brought by Lieut. Hall and Col. Wayne.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11. A dispatch from Gov. Pickens to Mr. Lamar, President of the Bank of the Republic, says that no flag and no vessel will be disturbed or prevented from entering Charleston harbor, unless bearing hostile troops or munitions of war for Fort Sumter.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11. A Washington correspondent says it is believed that South Carolina has already offered to evacuate the forts in Charleston harbor, and other government property, provided Major Anderson is ordered back to Fort Moultrie.

**Winter.**  
Winter is usually regarded in the North as a gloomy portion of the year. To the inhabitants of a southern climate it means nothing but a half frozen suffering condition. To the poor and destitute, it may be so, but happily in New England, we have warm houses, and supplied with food and clothing. Nor are the pleasures of life fewer than at other portions of the year. The farmer is more at his leisure. He enjoys his family circle around him. The newspaper is now an institution in almost every household. There is no keener pleasure than to take the paper, sit down by one's own fire in peace, and read what was going on the day before in all parts of the land. How joyously does the evening pass!

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## The Old Folks' Concert.

Master Barker's Old Folks, gave their fifth, and last Concert for the season, at the Congregational Church, in this village, on Thursday evening, Jan. 10th. The Old Folks were in good trim, their voices rung out merrily, the air was good, and the audience profoundly attentive.

In the opinion of some, who are no mean judges that it was the best singing they ever heard. For distinctness of enunciation, we certainly never saw them excelled. This is a crowning excellence in Master Barker's drillings. There is not only music in the sounds, but in the sentiment, as expressed in the words.

The song, "Our Flag is there," composed by an officer of the U. S. Navy in 1812, received rapturous applause.

The present generation in this place never before had their patriotism so completely aroused as when they listened to that song, and saw the flag itself suspended on the walls of the Church. The present state of our national affairs caused the song to thrill through every heart.

"Our Flag is there! Our flag is there! We'll hail it with three loud hurrahs!"

Grandmother was busy knitting, during the intervals of music, and very attentive to the old tunes, such as Sherburne, New Jerusalem and Complaint.

Miss Twitwell's performance on the Melodeon, added much to the effect of the concert. She presides with marked grace and skill.

The "Star Spangled Banner," was sung by Miss Ellen Chapman, with powerful effect. This song was composed soon after the battle at Fort Moultrie, at Charleston, S. C.

Who says you can give by the downy curls light, What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming, Whose broad stripes and bright stars thro' the perilous fight, O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?

Granger Howell brought down the house with thunders of applause, as he sang by request of Grandmother Barker, the simple song of "Few Days." Granger R., spent a number of years at the South, and while visiting a Negro Camp meeting in North Carolina, he heard a negro singing this song, composed on the spot, a frequent occurrence among the negroes, the whole congregation joining in the chorus. Granger's fine tenor voice gave it excellent effect.

At the intermission, Uncle True was called upon to describe the costumes of the Old Folks, and the period they represented: he not forgetting to remind the audience that he had been selected to represent a good looking man of modern times. The ladies appeared quite as attractive in their rich, antique dresses, as those of modern times.

After the public exercises, the Old Folks met at their place of rendezvous, where speeches, sentiments, greetings, singing and partings took place, in a company of singers, among whom there has been the utmost harmony of feeling. It will be an episode in their lives which will be long remembered.

**MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.**—We learn that Mr. Thomas Greene, of Shelburne, N. H., was killed in Naples, Thursday, 10th inst., by the falling of the chimney of a mill, on which he was at work. He leaves a wife and one child to mourn his sudden death.

We have received another sketch from J. G. Rich. It came too late for this week's paper but is on file for the next. Mr. Rich is engaged in writing a book on the wild animals and fishes of Maine, which will appear early next summer. Having spent the last fifteen years of his life in the woods, he has acquired a vast store of valuable practical information in regard to the habits and instincts of the different species of animals, birds and fishes, all obtained by observing and studying them in their natural haunts in the unbroken wilderness. His book will be anxiously looked for by the public, and its appearance will be welcomed with joy by his numerous sporting friends.

**PICTURE FRAMES AND MIRRORS.**—Friend Goldard is prepared to get up frames of mahogany, black walnut, gilt, or cheaper styles, plain or fancy, for pictures, mirrors, &c., at short notice and in fine style. He also keeps on hand picture glass of all sizes, and of the best quality of glass. If you want a mirror of any kind, large or small, early or cheap, or a picture frame of any kind, give him a call at his shop opposite the new Methodist meeting house.

The Indian entertainments in Pattee's Hall last week were quite well attended. We were not able to attend either, but they are spoken of as being very interesting. They are under the direction of Wm. J. S. Dewey, a young, but efficient manager.

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**COSMOPOLITAN ART ASSOCIATION.**—The time for receiving subscriptions to this Association will soon expire, and we advise all to call and subscribe at once. See advertisement in another column for inducements to subscribe.

**PETERSON'S LADIES' MAGAZINE** for February is received. It contains, among many other things interesting to the ladies, a splendid pattern for a chair seat in Berlin work, a beautiful alphabet for marking, and fashion plates and patterns in large numbers and of the most elegant and tasty design. It is published by Chas. J. Peterson, 306 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, 82 per annum, at three for \$5, five for \$7.50.

**GORDY'S LADY'S BOOK** for February is received. It contains another of those inimitable double fashion plates, so popular with the Ladies. Gordy is daily growing in popular favor, and we hear but one opinion expressed among the ladies—that the Lady's Book is a gem, without which no centre table is completely supplied.

**THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY** for January has come to hand. It is, as usual, well filled with choice and valuable reading matter—articles that instruct and benefit as well as amuse the reader. It is a book that you can read throughout, and then look back on it and reflect that not one moment of time so spent has been wasted. Published by Ticknor & Fields, Boston. Terms \$5 per annum, two copies \$9, five copies \$10.

**LEWIS'S NEW GYMNASIUMS.**—The third number of this invaluable publication is received. Dr. Lewis is devoting his entire energies to the reform in physical culture, and his paper richly deserves a large circulation. Only \$1 per year, and there has been some single articles in each number, so far, that were worth more than the subscription price for a year.

**GENES OF MAINE.**—We have rec'd a neatly printed pamphlet containing the genes of this state for 1859 and 1860. It is a valuable and convenient work for reference and every one should have a copy. Published by Brown Thurston, Portland, by whom it will be forwarded to any address, post-paid, on receipt of ten cents.

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## ITEMS.

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**Parson Brownlow**, of the Knoxville Whig, speaking of the forced loan in South Carolina, says:

"The Palmetto State is in the condition of the fellow who said, 'It is nothing to get married, but it is to keep house.'"

**The Andruscoggin Company**, Lewiston, have just taken in 300 bales of cotton, received from Calcutta.

**On Tuesday** of last week eight or nine persons passed through Raleigh, N. C., on their way North, from South Carolina, in charge of Adams Express, with their heads shaved.

**The Hartford Courant** says that the extensive mills at Baltic, and other large mills in that direction, commenced running full time on Monday.

There is a family of Penobscot Indians spending the winter on Paradise Hill. They are fine specimens of their tribe.

**The Mercury** froze in the thermometer at N. Stratford, N. H., on Sunday morning last. So says one of our correspondents.

**Miss Alice Yell**, concluded Mr. Lay, of Camden, for promising to marry her and not performing it. As he wouldn't make her Lay, she made him Yell.

**A down East editor** asks his subscribers to pay up, who he may play a similar joke upon his creditors. We like to see a good joke go round.

**PERSONAL.**—Our friend and correspondent J. G. Rich, Esq., the Nimrod of Maine, paid us a short visit in our office on Thursday morning last, as he passed thro' the place, on his way to Boston. He was looking rugged and hearty.

**On Saturday** week, some boys were sporting on Royal's river, at Yarmouth, Me., with a gun loaded with buck-shot. The gun was laid down upon the ice, accidentally cocked. As they were about to separate, the owner of the gun, a lad about 14 years, caught it up, when the trigger caught in his coat, discharging the piece. Its contents passed into the head of a boy named Henry Mason, about 13 years old, killing him almost instantly.

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## THE BETHEL COURIER.

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Bethel close as follows:—  
To Portland, 10 A. M.  
To Island Pond, 4 P. M.

**ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE OF TRAINS.**  
Leaving train leaves Bethel for Portland at 10:30 A. M. Returning—arrives from Portland at 1:15 P. M.

**RELIGIOUS SERVICES.**  
Every Sabbath at 11 o'clock, A. M. and 3:30 P. M. in the following churches:—  
First Cong'l., Rev. Mr. Wadsworth.  
Second Cong'l., Rev. Mr. G. H. Hall.  
Universalist, Rev. Mr. G. H. Hall.  
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**MEETINGS FOR PRAYER.**  
At prayer meetings at 6 1/2 o'clock, at the every 1st and 3rd, Tuesday evenings. Prayer Meetings Tuesday evenings.

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